Committees on News Coverage

3296. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a Committee of news editors and others was appointed in the Language Department of the News Service Division to review the matter of the coverage of the news originating in Hindi;

(b) what are the details of the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) what action is proposed thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) The Government have not set up any formal Committee to review the matter of All India Radio's coverage of news originating in Hindi. However, a group of officers of News Services Division of All India Radio has gone into this matter, and the Division will take appropriate action to increase coverage of news originating in Hindi.

Import Policy of Foreign Films

3297. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from Film federation of India, Bombay during the current year regarding import policy on foreign films and its adverse effects on Indian cinema;

(b) if so, what are the details there of along with the action taken/proposed to taken to save Indian film industry from the crippling effects of new import policy;

(c) whether Government have discussed the situation arising out of new import policy with film Federation of India and; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) what are the details of action proposed to be taken to save the film industry from the on slaught of heavy import of English films?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) Though no representation as such has been received, the interests of the film industry have been kept in mind while formulating the new import policy. Accordingly, a quality criterion has been prescribed from import of films. Under this Policy only a film which has won an award in any of the International Films Festivals notified by this Ministry, or participated in any of the official sections of the notified International Film Festivals; or received good reviews in prestigious film journals notified by this Ministry, can be imported.

All India Radio Stations Broadcasting in Hindi

3298. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of All India Radio Stations from where broadcasts in Hindi are relayed;

(b) what is the periodicity and the time allowed for each of these broadcasts;

(c) whether Government have received requests for relay of broadcast in Hindi from where there has been no provision to relay in Hindi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action has so far been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The duration of broadcasts in Hindi from All India Radio Stations is furnished in the Statement attached (*See* below). The details of periodicity are not kept in a compiled form centrally.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.